

# Public Safety Advisory Committee Meeting

January 22 2015

Present:

Mary Weaver, Chair – Hector Campbell Neighborhood Association

Linda Hedges – Secretary and Member At Large

Pepi Anderson – Lewelling Neighborhood Association

Don Wiley – Linwood Neighborhood Association

Sue Richardson – Lake Road Neighborhood Association

Ray Bryan – Vice Chair and rep of Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood Association

Megan Elston-Power– Island Station Neighborhood Association;

Chief Steve Bartol – Milwaukie PD

Battalion Chief (North) David Sheriman – Clackamas Fire District #1

Captain Rob Rector – Clackamas Fire District

Apologies: Chris Ortolano – Member at Large

Angel Falconer – Member at Large

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The meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. by Chair Weaver.

Chair Weaver asked for any changes or corrections to the December 4th meeting minutes. There were corrections made to the minutes. Pep moved and Ray Bryan seconded to accept the minutes as corrected; the minutes were approved unanimously.

## **Clackamas Fire District #1**

- Operation Santa Claus operated its 40<sup>th</sup> year this past December. They were able to provide for over 2000 people and collected 25000 lbs of food and toys.
- The Chief mentioned the File of Life medical information magnet which medically fragile people call complete and stick on their refrigerator so responding paramedics will have their medical and medication information available.
- BC Shermein mentioned that the existing bond is due to expire in 2015 and the district board is meeting soon to approve putting a .10/1,000 bond on the ballot in May which they think will produce \$30million to fund new stations and equipment.. This bond will replace an expiring bond and will be only slightly more than the cost of the existing bond.
- BC Shermein and Capt Rector distributed more of the Fil of Life cards which are magnets that hold a page of medical information about the occupant(s) of the house so that if paramedics are called to the house they will have pertinent medical and prescription information readily available. This is meant for medically fragile and elderly people and should be completed and stuck on the front of the refrigerator in the home.
- They were asked what happens to old equipment and the fire district sells off equipment to smaller departments so that our own district can benefit from the sale and the smaller departments get reasonably priced and still usable equipment they wouldn't otherwise be able to afford.
- Pepi asked if there is anything that we can do as neighborhood associations to assist the fire department.

- a) Educate our neighbors and their children on how to make a 9-1-1 call. With many landlines disappearing it is important for people to know their exact location when they make a 9-1-1 call. Even small children should be taught their home address and how to make a call to obtain help.
- b) Be proponents for general safety such as making sure working smoke detectors are in each home, how to evacuate your home in case of fire or disaster, and having a family contact point outside the home.
- c) BC Shermain mentioned specifically they do get complaints about backyard burning and it is generally illegal to burn things like tires and garbage outside in the Metro area including Milwaukie. They will go and talk to people to educate them first because a person can be fined up to \$10,000 for illegal burning.

### **Milwaukie Police Department**

- Chief Bartol reported that he would like to know if we would like to incorporate elements of the Citizens Academy into our meetings for half hour to 45 minute long training. It has become too expensive to put on the Citizens Academy but bringing some of the topics to our meetings will help to inform our members better about the police department and its officers' challenges, but parts of the training could be open to public participation as we do allow the public in our meetings. Some topics may not be open to the public.
- Other command level members of the department may start attending NDA meetings instead of the Chief. He will continue to attend one or two meetings each month but having other members of the department attend is good for both the community and the officers.
- Chief Bartol asked if we would support the Department's participation in a new pilot program on sexual exploitation in Clackamas County. Linda Hedges moved and Pepi Anderson seconded to support the Chief's use of \$1000 from the Community Safety fund for our department to participate in the sexual exploitation pilot project. It was unanimously approved.
- The Chief checked on the cost of an additional digital speed sign and it should be less than \$5000 from the community safety fund. We had previously discussed having less software on some of the newer ones. This will allow us to continue to deploy speed signs in more places throughout the City and to still have some that also gather more data but which is not always necessary to be collected in order to calm traffic with the signs.
- Mary mentioned she had been mailed some materials from Oregon Impact and we were asked to support an educational program around the Super Bowl Sunday and St Patrick's Day about "Fans don't let Fans Drive Drunk". It was discussed and decided we will obtain the material electronically and Chief Bartol will see to sending the material out through Facebook, Twitter and other social media and put it on the City's website.
- There had been a question raised since the last meeting about our department's stance on our officers wearing body cameras. The Chief reiterated that the officers in the department and command staff support the idea of cameras but issues of privacy, storage, policies and procedures and cost prevent us from considering their use right now. The police departments are looking to the State Legislature to resolve some of

these issues in their next session. One of the laws he mentioned is eavesdropping, which requires everyone present be advised that the officer is recording audio and video. The Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police will be working with the Legislature on this issue.

- The Chief was asked if the recent decision by the US Attorney General to no longer accept cases from local agencies for federal agencies to acquire cases involving forfeiture of drugs, cars, money and other valuables. In the past the federal agencies have often used this money to fund task forces and initiative. It is unknown how this would affect our department.
- The Police Department website is being worked on, along with other City pages, by the new Assistant to the City Manager and City PIO and others. Mary mentioned that some information still was wrong. The Chief will take a look to see what corrections still need to be made.

### **Sub-Committee Reports**

- **PMLR** – Ray Bryan said there is going to be a PMLR CAC meeting on Monday January 26<sup>th</sup> at the Beta Street Office 5:30pm. Tri Met had been asked to provide traffic simulation video of how downtown traffic will be affected by the light rail trains. Traffic simulation for downtown Milwaukie can be found at the following link <http://goo.gl/PpWWiA>.
- **Safe Routes to School** – no report, Angel unable to attend tonight's meeting.
- **Monroe Greenway Project**  
Chris Ortolano and Ray Bryan have met and had a list of common concerns of traffic, diversion and the effects of those actions on volume to other streets. There was some discussion over diverters and bike and vehicle driver behavior in response to certain traffic calming measures. **Ray will share his and Chris' concerns with the rest of PSAC. Members should advise Ray and/or Chris if they have additional concerns. All NDA representatives should ask during January and February meetings for their neighbors concerns.**
- Pepi said she felt that PSAC has been an active participant in the past in **the Police Officer of the Year Award dinner**. She felt PSAC should have been listed as a participant on flyers and other material (i.e. grant request forms). Don Wiley clarified that PSAC supports the dinner via donations from the NDAs to the MPSF and that the Milwaukie Public Safety Foundation pays for the dinner and members of the Foundation organizes the dinner, Pepi said that the Dinner is in our Work Plan and she wanted to make sure it was clear that PSAC members do work on the dinner and support it.
- Mary suggested that our subcommittees should be listed along with members on each of them with the subcommittee expiration dates. Mary and Linda will put together a list to share with everyone else.

### **NDA Issues**

- Ray mentioned that the **Council goal setting session** will be on Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup> and individuals can contribute to the discussion by emailing while the session is on air or by completing a form beforehand. He said that we should specifically request that a goal should be to find funding to reactivate the **Walk Safely Milwaukie Program** so that projects that never were completed could be. Most of the remaining projects are school route safety related and this still remains a concern for many of our neighbors. He urged PSAC members to ask neighbors to email in a request to help find funding to complete the WSMP projects. [2015goals@milwaukieoregon.gov](mailto:2015goals@milwaukieoregon.gov)

**Public Participation** – there were no members of the public in attendance.

**Police Officer of the Year Award Dinner February 26, 2015. Tickets available at [www.milwaukiepsf.org](http://www.milwaukiepsf.org) for \$22 each.**

The meeting closed at 8:00pm.

Draft minutes pending approval at March 26, 2015 meeting.  
Submitted by Linda M. Hedges, Secretary